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**David Gregory Kays**

District Judge

Note: On June 10th, 2008, the Senate confirmed David Gregory Kays to be District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. Details on the swearing-in will be provided as they become available.

Education: Southwest Missouri State 1985 BS; Arkansas 1987 JD

Began Service: October 9, 2008

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Drury University (1991-2004)

**Government:** Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, County of Laclede, Missouri (1988-1989); Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, County of Laclede, Missouri (1989-1991); Prosecuting Attorney, County of Laclede, Missouri (1991-1995)

**Judicial:** Associate Circuit Judge, State of Missouri (1995-2004); Presiding Judge, Twenty-Sixth Judicial Circuit, State of Missouri (2005-2008)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Miller & Hutson (1988-1989)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Jonathan H. Lehr** ..... (816) 512-5600  
Education: Georgetown 2001 JD

Law Clerk **Jennifer Webb** ..... (816) 512-5600

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**Scott O. Wright**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1923

Education: Missouri 1950 LLB

Began Service: October 5, 1979

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Columbia, Missouri (1951-1953); Prosecuting Attorney, County of Boone, Missouri (1954-1958)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Clark & Becker (1950-1954); Partner, Brown, Wright, Willbrand & Simon (1958-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1942-1943); United States Marine Corps (1943-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Association of Justice; American Bar Association; Boone County Bar Association; The Missouri Bar Association; Missouri Trial Lawyers Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Luke Meriwether** ..... (816) 512-5700  
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Term Expires: August 2009

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Education: Missouri 1995 JD

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**Howard F. Sachs**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925

Education: Williams 1947 AB; Harvard 1950 JD

Began Service: October 5, 1979

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Albert A. Ridge, United States District Court (1950-1951)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Phineas Rosenberg (1951-1956); Associate, Spencer Fane Britt & Browne LLP

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1944-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Lawyers Association of Kansas City; The Missouri Bar Association

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Education: St John's U (NY) 1997 JD

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Court Reporter **John Bowen** ..... (816) 512-5726

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**Dean Whipple**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1938

Education: Drury Col 1961 BS; Missouri (Kansas City) 1965 JD

Began Service: December 1987

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Laclede, Missouri (1967-1971)

**Judicial:** Circuit Judge, Missouri Circuit Court, Division II, 26th Judicial Circuit (1975-1987); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri (2000-2007)

**Military Service:** Missouri National Guard (1956-1961); United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1961-1966)

**Current Memberships:** The Kansas City - Ross T. Roberts American Inn of Court; American Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Laclede County Bar Association; The Missouri Bar Association; Missouri Trial Judges Association

**Staff**

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**James C. England**

Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Missouri 1972 JD

Began Service: November 15, 1976

Term Expires: November 2016

**Staff**

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Education: Drury Col 1974 BS;

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Secretary **Mollie Carter** ..... (417) 865-7143

Education: Southwest Missouri State 1991 BS

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**John T. Maughmer**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1954

Education: Missouri 1977 BS, 1980 JD

Began Service: September 29, 1988

Term Expires: September 30, 2012

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Elmo B. Hunter, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri (1980-1982)

**Judicial:** Chief Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri (1991-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Lathrop, Koontz & Norquist (1982-1988)

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Pam Alexander** ..... (816) 512-5745

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Education: Missouri (Kansas City) 1988 JD

Courtroom Deputy **Kerry Martinez** ..... (816) 512-5759

Education: Baker U 1997 BS

Judicial Assistant **Sandy Rollheiser** ..... (816) 512-5745

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**William A. Knox**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945

Education: North Dakota State 1966 BS; Minnesota 1968 JD

Began Service: December 15, 1985

Term Expires: December 14, 2009

**Academic:** Professor, University of Missouri, Columbia (1972-1985)

**Government:** Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Jackson, Missouri

**Military Service:** United States Coast Guard Reserve (1968-1972)

**Current Memberships:** Boone County Bar Association; Cole County Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; Minnesota State Bar Association; The Missouri Bar Association

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**Robert E. Larsen**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: Rockhurst Col 1969 BA; Missouri (Kansas City) 1973 JD

Began Service: May 24, 1991

Term Expires: May 24, 2015

**Government:** Staff Attorney, Criminal Division, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice (1974-1976); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Missouri - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1976-1991)

**Current Memberships:** The Missouri Bar Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Carol Marullo** ..... (816) 512-5760

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Education: Missouri (St Louis) 1988 BS;

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Education: Kansas State 1999 BA;

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**Sarah Hays**

Magistrate Judge

Education: LSU 1977 JD

Began Service: 1992

Term Expires: February 2016

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Russell G. Clark (1977-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Gage & Tucker (1980-1986); Morrison & Hecker (1986-1992)

**Staff**

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